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COUNTER INSURGENCY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of casualties suffered by the Indian Army in counter insurgency operations during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to utilise the services of the Indian Air Force for assisting the Indian Army in counter insurgency operations;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The number of casualties suffered by the Indian Army during the last three years are as follows:-

Year	Fatal
2002	417
2003	463
2004	310
Total	1190

(b) to (d): The Indian Air Force has been assisting the Army in transportation of troops to and from the area of operations, evacuation of casualties, as well as air maintenance of troops deployed or operating in remote and inaccessible areas, in its counter insurgency operations in Jammu & Kashmir.